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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: <b>Mail Stop RCE</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number: 09/559,757	Confirmation Number: 2923
	Filing Date: April 27, 2000	
	First Named Inventor: Yoshio OZAWA	
	Group Art Unit: 2823	
	Examiner: Pham, Thanh V.	
	Attorney Docket Number: 04329.2306	
Attorney Customer Number: 22,852		



**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

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a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for (\_\_\_\_ months) \$\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

<b>Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required</b>	
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A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action of March 22, 2004, with a period for response extending through June 22, 2004, and concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the application as follows. Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.